

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a center, an intermediate layer formed on the center and cover covering the intermediate layer,

wherein the core has a deformation amount when applying from an initial load of 98 N to a final load of 1275 N of 3.0 to 6.0 mm;

the intermediate layer is formed from a material having an elongation of 9 to 20 mm when applying the maximum load in penetration and impact fatigue tests and a flexural stiffness of 300 to 2,000 MPa;

the intermediate layer is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of polyurethane-based thermoplastic elastomer, polyamide-based thermoplastic elastomer, polycarbonate resin, polyacetal resin, and a modified compound thereof; and

the cover is formed from thermoplastic resin.

2. **(Original)** The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is formed from a material having an elongation of 9 to 16 mm when applying the maximum load in penetration and impact fatigue tests and a flexural stiffness of 350 to 1,500 MPa.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer has a thickness of 0.3 to 2.0 mm.

5. (Original) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is formed from polycarbonate resin.

6. (Original) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is formed from polyacetal resin.

7. (Original) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is formed from one material.

8. (Previously Presented) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is formed from a material having an elongation of 10 to 12 mm when applying the maximum load in penetration and impact fatigue tests and a flexural stiffness of 400 to 1,300 MPa.

9. (Previously Presented) The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer has a thickness of 0.5 to 1.8 mm.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer has a thickness of 0.8 to 1.5 mm.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the cover has a Shore D hardness of 22 to 55.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The multi-piece solid golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the cover has a Shore D hardness of 25 to 52.